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## MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS VICTORIA, OCTOBER 1986

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### ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

*State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (5646.0) (quarterly)*

### EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

*Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (6302.0) (quarterly)*

*Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia (6312.0) (monthly)*

*Job Vacancies, Australia (6231.0) (quarterly)*

*Overtime, Australia (6330.0) (quarterly)*

*The Labour Force, Victoria (6201.2) (monthly)*

### PRICES

*Consumer Price Index (6401.0) (quarterly)*

*Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities and Darwin (6407.0) (monthly)*

*Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (6408.0) (monthly)*

### BUILDING

*Building Activity, Australia (8752.0) (quarterly)*

*Building Approvals, Australia (8731.0) (monthly)*

### RETAIL SALES

*Retail Sales of Goods (Excluding Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.), Australia (8501.0) (monthly)*

### PRODUCTION

*Monthly Summary of Statistics, Victoria (1303.2)*

### NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

*Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia (9303.0) (monthly)*

### BANKS

*Monthly Summary of Statistics, Victoria (1303.2)*

### HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

*Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (5609.0) (monthly)*

### OVERSEAS TRADE

*Exports, Australia (5404.0) (monthly)*

*Imports, Australia (5406.0) (monthly)*

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Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year %
				One period	Two periods	Three periods		
ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (a)\$m								
Manufacturing	\$m	Dec qr 85	1,311.3	1,238.6	1,221.1	889.1	1,062.4	23.4
Finance	\$m	Dec qr 85	478.4	443.8	352.1	249.1	304.2	57.3
	\$m	Dec qr 85	518.0	1512.0	1584.2	370.3	431.6	20.0
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES								
Persons in labour force - (b)	'000	Sep 86	2,027.0	1,966.3	1,987.5	1,976.6	1,949.9	4.0
Employed persons	"	Sep 86	1,884.2	1,833.7	1,859.3	1,861.3	1,822.9	3.4
Unemployed persons	"	Sep 86	142.8	132.7	128.3	115.3	127.0	12.4
Overtime worked per employee	hours	Aug 86	1.22	1.41	1.44	1.56	1.37	-10.9
Job vacancies	'000	Aug 86	12.9	16.8	17.0	15.1	17.5	-26.3
Average weekly earnings -								
Males	\$	May 86	425.70	423.50	421.30	407.10	398.50	6.8
Females	"	May 86	297.10	290.50	283.80	279.10	278.30	6.8
Indexes of weekly award rates(June 1976=100)-								
Wage earners -								
Adult males	indices	Jul 86	225.2	220.2	220.2	220.2	212.2	6.1
Adult females	"	Jul 86	222.0	217.0	217.0	217.0	209.1	6.2
Wage and salary earners -								
Adult males	"	Jul 86	223.0	218.0	218.0	218.0	210.0	6.2
Adult females	"	Jul 86	221.1	216.4	216.4	216.4	208.4	6.1
PRICES								
Consumer Price Index,Melbourne(1980-81=100)-								
Food	indices	Jun qr 86	152.0	147.2	144.2	141.8	138.8	9.5
Clothing	"	Jun qr 86	144.6	138.1	137.9	132.9	131.1	10.3
Housing	"	Jun qr 86	168.6	164.8	161.8	158.0	154.8	8.9
Household equipment & operation	"	Jun qr 86	153.7	152.3	149.2	144.9	142.1	8.2
Transportation	"	Jun qr 86	149.6	153.8	146.5	147.4	144.8	3.3
Tobacco & alcohol	"	Jun qr 86	168.1	165.1	160.7	158.4	154.1	9.1
Health & personal care	"	Jun qr 86	147.4	142.4	138.6	136.7	132.9	10.9
Recreation & education(Mar qr 1982=100)	"	Jun qr 86	136.8	134.1	129.2	127.1	124.3	10.1
All groups	"	Jun qr 86	154.2	151.8	147.8	145.3	142.4	8.3
Price Indexes of Materials Used in Building, Melbourne,All groups-								
House building(1966-67=100)	indices	Jul 86	515.4	512.5	510.1	509.6	485.8	6.1
Other than house building(1979-80=100)	"	Jul 86	172.4	170.8	169.9	169.1	158.9	8.5
BUILDING								
Approvals -								
New houses	No.	Aug 86	2,480	2,633	2,441	2,564	3,153	-21.3
New other residential buildings	"	Aug 86	343	600	447	425	738	-53.5
Value of all building	\$m	Aug 86	361.9	404.9	764.1	362.8	442.6	-18.2
Commencements -								
New houses	No.	Mar qr 86	6,960	8,210	8,180	8,580	7,150	-2.7
Value of new houses	\$m	Mar qr 86	426.9	496.6	472.9	476.4	400.0	6.7
New other residential buildings	No.	Mar qr 86	1,387	1,704	1,710	1,839	2,111	-34.3
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m	Mar qr 86	56.5	69.2	68.7	71.5	91.8	-38.5
Value of non-residential building	"	Mar qr 86	485.9	366.1	439.3	391.6	368.4	31.9
Work done in period	"	Mar qr 86	971.9	1,123.0	1,141.4	1,009.2	929.9	4.5
RETAIL SALES(excl motor vehicles,etc)	\$m	Aug 86	1,179.2	1,189.9	1,099.1	1,253.8	1,078.5	9.3
PRODUCTION								
Manufacturing -								
Clay bricks	million	Jul 86	42	37	37	41	44	-4.5
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m	Jul 86	246	258	293	252	270	-8.9
Plastics & synthetic resins	tonnes	Jul 86	49,135	47,277	49,178	59,424	49,022	0.2
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	Jul 86	3,256	2,791	3,017	2,689	3,614	-9.9
Cars & station wagons	'000	Jul 86	20.4	17.4	19.2	13.4	27.2	-25.0
Wool yarn	tonnes	Jul 86	1,657	1,329	1,391	1,402	1,604	3.3
Woven fabric -Wool(incl blanketing)	'000 sq.m	Jul 86	401	322	423	374	393	2.0
Man-made fibre	"	Jul 86	6,611	7,217	6,612	6,616	7,139	-7.4
Mining -								
Crude oil	'000 cu.m	Jul 86	1,419	1,511	1,342	1,767	2,507	-43.4
Brown coal	'000 tonnes	Jul 86	3,802	3,047	3,232	2,515	3,563	6.7
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS								
Cars & station wagons	No.	Aug 86	10,648	10,146	11,002	9,515	11,571	-8.0
Other motor vehicles(incl motor cycles)	"	Aug 86	3,008	2,910	3,043	2,411	2,839	6.0
BANKS								
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	Aug 86	17,094	17,023	16,623	15,908	14,100	21.2
Major trading -								
Deposits	"	Aug 86	12,599	12,660	12,503	12,591	11,643	8.2
Advances	"	Aug 86	12,451	12,310	11,804	11,637	7,769	60.3
Debits to customers'accounts(c)	"	Aug 86	24,897	26,135	26,514	25,230	24,285	2.5
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION								
Secured commitments to individuals -	"	Jul 86	353.6	288.7	343.5	319.7	368.2	-4.0
Savings banks	"	Jul 86	300.0	238.9	283.0	241.6	238.5	25.8
Trading banks	"	Jul 86	24.0	20.5	23.6	29.6	44.6	-46.2
Permanent building societies	"	Jul 86	16.5	12.3	15.7	24.8	61.6	-73.2
Other lenders	"	Jul 86	13.2	16.9	21.2	23.8	23.5	-43.8
OVERSEAS TRADE								
Imports	"	Jul 86	1,127.7	986.4	1,018.9	1,089.7	1,120.1	0.7
Exports(excl re-exports)	"	Aug 86	497.2	452.1	450.1	498.9	695.6	-28.5

(a) By private enterprises. (b) Labour force figures from January 1985 have been adjusted to allow comparison with published data from April 1986. (c) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne.